

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0364

Title: Environmental labeling and disclosure for electric utilities

Primary Sponsor: Lind, G

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	David Ewer, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$31,000	\$20,500
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$31,000)	(\$20,500)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Local Gov. Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Concerns |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Included in the Executive Budget | <input type="checkbox"/> Significant Long-Term Impacts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dedicated Revenue Form Attached | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Needs to be included in HB 2 |

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

1. The DEQ will join the Washington State University (WSU) Energy Program labeling database used by the states of Washington and Oregon. WSU already calculates the market and system mixes called for in SB 364. The database includes web-enabled data entry.
2. The DEQ will use existing staff to oversee the labeling program, including assisting Montana utilities and coops interpret their data. A small amount is included for travel costs for this purpose. Staff time will be absorbed within current appropriations.
3. The operating expenses of \$31,000 in FY 2006 and \$20,500 in FY 2007 are mainly for database acquisition and maintenance with the rest being for travel.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

	<u>FY 2006 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2007 Difference</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$31,000	\$20,500
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$31,000	\$20,500
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(\$31,000)	(\$20,500)

LONG-RANGE IMPACTS:

The cost to the state will drop once the system is up and running.